

TV HOPES BRIGHTER



Midfielder Claude Lucchesi is among the Makedonia players who would star in the PSL.



Jeff Faulkner, former winger now in midfield.



Ljube Petrovski (left) uses his shoulder of Croatia's Tommy Cumming.

MELITA MAKES ITS BID

NSW State League championship contenders Melita Eagles have joined the list of prospective candidates for entry to the enlarged 1981 PSL.

Melita's new ground at Everley Park in South Granville boasts a \$125,000 amenities block, so club president Emmanuel Said believes Melita has a strong case for PSL membership.

Said complimented coach Attila Abonyi and confidently asserted that Melita's current team could beat neighbours APIA, Blacktown and St. George.

Said was less confident about Melita's prospects of topping Sydney City and Marconi.

• "Soccer Action" begins an occasional series about the candidates for next year's enlarged Philips League competition...



• **BRANKO TRAJANOVSKI:** "Some of our players would be stars in the PSL"

Social club boosts Makedonia

By LAURIE SCHWAB

If Preston Makedonia is admitted to the Philips League it would help offset the PSL's heavy NSW content and also make life easier for the present three Victorian PSL clubs.

So says Branko Trajanovski, who has been with Makedonia as a player, coach, and administrator almost since the club started.

Trajanovski argues that Makedonia already draws as many spectators as Heidelberg United.

He says that the club has an average home gate of about 2500.

"If we were in the PSL we would have at least 40 per cent more," he said.

Makedonia's claims to a place in the PSL have been strengthened by a new, \$200,000 social club opposite its ground in Broadhurst Avenue, Reservoir, in Melbourne's northern suburbs.

It accommodates about 300 people for social functions and the club has applied for a full licence.

First step in the club's ground improvement programme is the provision of two rows of seating against the fence right around the pitch. This will be done during the off-season.

Cover for about 1000 spectators will be provided on the side opposite the dressing rooms. Preston Council plans to put concrete terracing from the dressing rooms to the top end of the ground.

And the playing surface will be overhauled as well during the off-season.

While most clubs strive hard for sponsorship, Trajanovski believes this is not essential in Makedonia's case.

"Our social club will raise the money we need," he said. "It will be a full-time operation, run by a full-time manager. We will have lunches every day, there will be disco nights and other social functions to raise money."

There are three regular-sized pitches at Connor Reserve, plus a small pitch suitable for junior soccer. The club fields four junior teams — under 12, 14, 15 and 16.

Trajanovski argues that necessary, the club will agree to be known as Preston rather than Preston Makedonia, in accordance with PSL requirements.

The club is financially sound and under president John Brannov, boasts probably the strongest administration it ever has had.

And the team is so strong that it is hot favorite to win the State League championship.

"We probably will need three or four more players for the PSL," Trajanovski said.

"Ideally, we would import them from Makedonia. We would look at spending at least \$40,000 or \$50,000 on a couple of top-class imports."

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Australian soccer has a better chance of getting TV exposure because of a decision made by FIFA.

The world body has rejected the ABC's claim that it has sole rights to the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

FIFA ruled the ABC must share the finals with a commercial network selected by the ASF.

And the ASF is certain to stipulate that any commercial network that wants to show the World Cup also has to show local soccer — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Youth team to play in Israel

The Australian youth team will compete in an international tournament in Israel in December-January.

The tournament is part of the team's preparation for the Coca-Cola world youth championships to be played here next year.

Norway, Israel, Denmark and Sweden will be among the team's opponents in Israel.

Leading members of the Australian youth team include: Paul Kay (St George), Steve Blair (St Melb. Hellas), Peter Raskopoulos (Marconi), Dave Skeen (St George), Jim Patikas (Sydney City), David Mitchell (Adelaide City), Paul Tombidis (Olympic, WA), Vlatko Belic (Footscray) and John Little (Altona).

Scrap the PSL

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McKendry lays plans for APIA

Victoria's Director of Coaching, Len McKendry, takes over as coach of Heidelberg United today (Thursday).

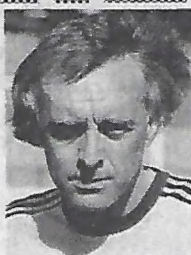
McKendry, an English FA staff coach who worked on courses with Malcolm Allison and Don Howe among others, came to Australia from London in 1976 and coached Canterbury Marrickville in Sydney for a season before taking the VSF job two years ago.

Under McKendry, the Victorian State team achieved victories over Red Star Belgrade, AEK Athens and Partizan Belgrade.

His contract with the VSF expires in two weeks. Since Manny Poulakakis quit Heidelberg after the Ampol Cup, Pat Bannon and Jimmy Rooney have been joint player-coaches.

McKendry's first challenge is the PSL match against APIA, conqueror of Marconi, at Olympic Park on Sunday.

And the following Wednesday, he leads his team against South Melbourne Hellas in the Philips Cup.



Len McKendry

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George McMillan, one of the toughest and hardest working strikers in Australia, launches a shot past Jim Kondarios of J.U.S.T.

Big test in Cup

Let's steer clear of Mickey Mouse football

America, the country which gave the world Disneyland, has provided a mickey mouse football industry.

This has come about in such "refinements" as a 35-yard offside law, synthetic pitches which are not conducive to tackling, "shoot-outs" to eliminate drawn games and bonus points.

English expert Jack Rollin, the editor of the Rothmans Football Yearbook, one of the best publications in the world of soccer, has a low opinion of America's tampering.

And at a time when many people here in Australia are advocating that we should become "Americanised" I'm inclined to agree with my colleague Jack Rollin.

And, obviously so is FIFA. At the last FIFA Congress in

Zurich it was advocated that the present rules of the North American Soccer League be looked at closely and brought into line with the rest of the world.

A number of people who want us to follow the American line also are strong advocates of having our national team comprised of home-grown Australian players only.

They also want a limit on imported players in our club sides.

This has me stumped. For let's have a look at a survey of the players who regularly appeared in the NASL in 1978.

England provided 129, the

United States of America 101 and other countries 180.

So out of 410 players who operated in the NASL in 1978, only 101 were home-grown Americans.

At a time in our progress when we are trying to cut down on imports, this is not pleasant reading.

As far as promotion and marketing of the game if concerned America has it over everybody in the world.

With the money at their disposal they can beat everybody hands down.

We can learn from them in these departments and in fact we must do so.

On junior level and when it comes to coaching kids they are way behind us and their kids are not in the same class as ours.

However, their "coaching academies" and coaching set-ups where they make money from coaching kids are geared towards making the fast buck.

I think that it would be a fine

idea if Australia, the United States and Canada and Mexico all included in the same confederation.

For let's face it, Oceania is a complete waste of time for us.

By all means, let us strike up a cordial and workable relationship with America.

But let's keep our feet on the ground and not go overboard.

I mean to say, we're not the 51st State of America — yet.

I have been informed by a

reliable source that former Socceroo coach Jim Shoulder has or will apply for the position of staff coach at the elite Institute of Sport in Canberra when it opens.

This of course is a prestigious position and a very secure one, designed to give the cream of the youth in Australia a boost in their sporting careers.

No doubt Mr Shoulder has all the written qualifications to land this position.

He is also a man who suits administrators.

Shoulder proved as national coach he did not make waves and accepted everything with a smile, even though his kingdom was crumbling beneath him — as happened in the disastrous 1978 World Cup campaign.

But I am adamant he is not

the man for this position and after his catastrophic failure here as national coach he does not deserve it.

As far as football in Australia is concerned Jim Shoulder's credibility is at a low ebb. It is to be hoped that sanity prevails and these officials are wise not in their bid to have a "nice guy" installed in Canberra, instead of a coach with more credibility in the Australian sporting arena.



TOM ANDERSON



RALE RASIC

Margaritis shows 'em

I described South Melbourne Hellas early this year as the dark horse for the championship and I stick to my guns.

Except for the 0-3 loss to Footscray J.U.S.T., Hellas had not been beaten badly by any team this year, as its goals against tally shows.

For the first time since the PSL started, the Hellas defence is sound. We must give special credit to Branko Buljevic. People may think I'm being nationalistic but Buljevic simply is brilliant and therefore deserves credit.

Coach John Margaritis also deserves praise. When he started team building, people asked what Arthur Xanthopoulos was doing back in the team after such a long lay-off. They asked why Bertie Lutton was playing sweeper, why Buljevic was bought for so much money from Heidelberg and how come George Campbell was playing after he tried to go to APLA. Vince Bannon, despite his stint with Heidelberg

in the PSL, was not regarded as Philips League material but they have all made their mark in a big way.

Bannon is rated among the soundest full backs in the league, Buljevic still is the mastermind of most forward moves, Lutton is a brilliant sweeper, Xanthopoulos a powerful stopper, Campbell buzzes about creating havoc to the organisation of opposing teams.

Margaritis has achieved an effective mix between youth — Alan Davidson, George Christopoulos, and to a lesser extent Xanthopoulos and Duncan Cummings — and experience — Buljevic, Alan Evans and Billy Rogers who, like Xanthopoulos has made a remarkable comeback.

It shows Margaritis knew what he wanted. Victorian soccer realises its potential only when Hellas does well. Hellas is the only soccer club that can compete with competence against any other club and remain a big drawcard.

***** The newly-formed Wollongong club is reported to have appointed a coach for its first PSL season in 1981.

Who accepted Wollongong to the league? I don't object to Wollongong. On the contrary, I think the area has great potential.

However, what's happened to Sydney Olympic? After being relegated last year, Olympic is heading the NSW State League in a determined fightback aimed at getting back into the PSL.

What about Preston Macedonia, which has everything going for it and which applied unsuccessfully for PSL membership last year?

If Wollongong can afford to hire a coach already, wouldn't it be reasonable for Olympic, Macedonia, perhaps even Melita Eagles and Rapid West Point to start printing PSL souvenir stickers and booking their air fares?

What's good for one should be good for all in this democratic system of ours.

But seriously, Australia must be the only country in the world where you can be promoted a year in advance — even before you have a team.

If Wollongong is to be No. 15 in a league of 16, which team is to be the 16th?

At one stage, there was a fledgling outfit called the Canberra Diplomats who hung their credentials on Walter Valeri and Sebastian Giampolo. When their application was rejected, Valeri and Giampolo went to Canberra City.

There is plenty of work for such a body to do. An investigation needs to be carried out into the need or otherwise of relegation. Is it necessary, or is it detrimental to the success of the league?

A split round should be introduced for Sydney and Melbourne clubs. All the clubs from those two cities should take it in turn to play on a Saturday. Sydney Rugby League does it, why does soccer compete with itself for crowds?

The League should also own the players' contracts not the



Vince Bannon (No. 2) gets high above Eddie Krencevic (No. 9) to head clear against Marconi.

READERS' FORUM Let's switch to summer

SIR — Rale Rasic is right to question the decline of soccer in this country over the past few years.

That a great competition like the Philips League is being allowed to stagnate is criminal.

The Philips League offers the only hope for soccer to progress in Australia.

The best players, coaches and competition exist within it. Some clubs are actively promoting the game while the majority are going through the motions, hoping by some miracle that crowds will improve any soccer will become the number one code throughout the land.

This will never happen. Soccer is 100 years too late. Migrants — first the British who, in the early years of this century for some strange reason called the game "British football", at a time when Australian nationalism was rampant — and later the post-war migrants with their ethnic name tags, have alienated the game from the mass of native-born Australians. This is a fact.

However, although Australian soccer — and let's start promoting that aspect of the game — will never become as popular as Australian Rules football, there is no reason why we cannot become a good number two. This can be achieved only through the Philips League.

This competition is the only one out of all the codes of football and other soccer leagues, that is capable of progress.

To do this the Philips League must become a professional body geared to making a profit. It must be self-managed without interference from State Federations, and the ASF, although it must be responsible to that body.

The league would do well to model itself on the VFL in areas of administration, marketing and promotion. It could begin by removing itself from State affairs and establish its headquarters and secretariat in Canberra.

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clubs. A limit could then be placed on transfer fees. An inflated transfer fee market is the last thing we need.

Any spare cash could be used by the clubs to introduce full-time professional players.

Promotion of the game should be carried out on a national basis and not by a few measly newspaper advertisements.

Finally, a thorough investigation should be carried out regarding the playing of soccer in the summer months. A Philips League competition played in the summer, in the cool of the evening, has a lot going for it. No competition from other codes, good for spectators, more likelihood of T.V. coverage, and no rivalry between the State and Philip Leagues for support.

— ALAN CRINGLE, Wannassa, ACT

Good Luck

SIR — It was with great interest that I read Les Scheinflug's reply to my article on the present state of our international soccer.

I do not wish to enter into a battle of words with anyone as I believe my article has served its purpose by at least getting people thinking.

However, I do take exception to the statement: "These people make their bread and butter from the game."

Mr. Gutendorf and Mr. Scheinflug make their bread and butter from the game — or, more correctly, their caviar and pheasant. I play and am involved in the game for the love of it.

I have stated my thoughts and Les has answered by saying a coach should be judged only by his success.

Spain 1982 is success. I wish Rudl and Les well.

— JACK REILLY.



MIKE JOHNSON

TV on the go

The Australian Soccer Federation's new marketing division has been set the most difficult promotional job in sport — to gain general acceptance for soccer among an apathetic public and the cynical, even hostile media.

It has to achieve what 100 years of factionalism and amateur effort has failed to achieve, which is to effectively sell the game to the public.

It has taken 100 years for us to at last appoint professionals to try and break down the cynicism, bias and ignorance of the media and ingrained public apathy.

The man in charge of the marketing operation is Rik Booth, head of the Sydney based public relations company, Underhill.

He will have a \$500,000 budget to spend on the promotion of soccer next year.

Half of this money will come from the ASF and the other half from English based sports marketing outfit, West Nally.

There will be a board of six directors, most of them top brass such as Sir Arthur George. Vic Tutting vice president of the ASF and another ASF vice president in Michael Weinstein.

These will be the ASF representatives, while the Nally group will have three men on the board, including the big wig, Patrick Nally.

As managing director, Booth will be responsible to the board. He will have the assistance of a marketing manager and clerical staff.

Booth's charter is: "to market and promote products and all items relevant to soccer including the obtaining of sponsorships."

According to my ASF source, Booth is already able to guarantee that all of next year's internationals featuring Australia will be televised nationally as will the Philips League.

He is also able to guarantee that this year's Philips Cup final will be televised nationally.

Booth and his embryo outfit were able recently to get a feel of the Soccer water when they were hurriedly brought in to promote the Australia-England game.

Next season's World Cup preliminaries, followed by the Coca-Cola World Youth Cup, will be an ideal setting for the new marketing outfit to operate in.



Hellas strong man Billy Rogers (left) — back with a vengeance. At right is John Yzendoorn of Heidelberg.

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St. George 3-0

"Soccer Action" apologises for not publishing the match report of the Philips Cup match between St. George and Blacktown last week.

St. George won 3-0 with Peter Katholos, Dennis Duarte and Peter Beggs scoring the goals.

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WEINSTEIN SPEAKS OUT



Michael Weinstein, with the match ball, before Victoria's game against Legia Warsaw in 1975.

Victoria will go it alone

The Victorian Soccer Federation has lost confidence in the Australian Federation's ability to organise tours, so it plans to arrange its own visits by overseas teams.

These teams would play only against Victoria, as Santos did on its one-match visit of 1973.

VSF chairman Michael Weinstein, who also is vice president of the ASF, spoke out angrily after the proposed three-match tour by Chile was called off last week.

"Victoria has no choice but to go it alone and organise our own tours to supplement our income," he said.

"We are prepared to outlay the money and take the risks."

He had talks with an official of an overseas club last week.

Chile's three-match visit was called off after the ASF calculated that it could lose up to \$100,000 on the tour.

The ASF now is negotiating for a possible replacement tour by China's national team, or by a club team from Brazil.

Weinstein, who was chairman of the ASF tours committee for about 20 years until early this year, said:

"I am disturbed about how tours have been handled this year. I forecast a loss on all the tours organised by the ASF so far and unfortunately I was right."

"I am upset that the arrangements I made for a tour by Real Madrid went to waste because the ASF blackballed that tour, arguing we already were committed to Northern Ireland, England,

Chile and the rest that fell by the wayside."

"Now we find there may be no more tours at all this year."

"China would hardly be a suitable substitute. It has no drawing power in Australia."

Weinstein said he was disappointed that the ASF chose to abolish its tours sub-committee at the last ASF executive meeting in May.

The committee's duties were absorbed into the World Cup sub-committee, led by Peter McCann of NSW.

Weinstein was invited to sit on that committee but declined.

"I think the concept is ridiculous," he said. "Tours should have a separate committee."

He added that part of successful tours management was planning well in advance, as European countries do.

"We should have national teams and clubs lined up two years ahead," he said.

"If I'd had my way none of the tours that have taken place this year, with the exception of England's visit, would have gone ahead."

"Instead, I would have brought out Real Madrid, Borussia Moenchengladbach and Liverpool, all of which were available."

New national series should replace PSL

By LAURIE SCHWAB

ASF vice-president Michael Weinstein has advocated scrapping the Philips League and replacing it with a national championship series between top clubs from the State Leagues.

He said this week he would urge the ASF to accept the plan which, he believes, has strong support from inside the game at all levels.

The PSL was losing crowds, he said because:

- Spectators are sick of being able to see their favorite team only once every two weeks;
- Supporters of clubs outside the PSL feel alienated from the league because it is outside the standard framework of promotion and relegation;
- The novelty of watching teams from interstate has worn off and the fans are now more interested in seeing local teams;
- The PSL competes for crowds with all the other soccer leagues playing at the same time of the year.

Mr. Weinstein believes all PSL clubs should return to their respective State Leagues.

These leagues would play until October, with the clubs vying to qualify for the national championship series which would run from October to March with a four-week break for Christmas.

To avoid the heat, most games would be played at night.

The series would feature the top four teams from Victoria, top four from NSW, top two from SA and the champions of Tasmania and Western Australia, for example.



Australia's record international Peter Wilson of APIA, Rooney wants Wilson's crown.

CENTURY IN CENTENARY



Skipper Jimmy Rooney (left) hands Martin O'Neill an ASF banner before the Socceroos' game against Northern Ireland in Melbourne. The referee is Stewart Mellings.

Jimmy Rooney is one game away from his 100th appearance for the Socceroos.

The Australian captain has played a total of 99 games for his country — 53 of them full internationals.

It is fitting that his 100th should be played in Australian soccer's centenary year.

The Australian Soccer Federation is expected to plan something special for the occasion.

Certainly Rooney deserves a major presentation before the game, whenever it may be.

Up to date statistics on national team appearances and scorers:

International

62 Wilson	32 Richards
58 Abonyi	31 Vojtek, Mackay
53 Rooney	30 Ollerton
49 Schaefer, Baartz	29 Bennett
43 Warren	28 Corry, Ackerley
39 Alston	26 Harris
34 Utjesenovic	23 Watkiss
	22 J. Nyskohus, Kosmina,
	Buljevic, Curran
	21 Byrne
	20 Harding

Total appearances

115 Wilson	33 Corry
89 Rooney	32 Barnes
88 Abonyi	31 Watkiss
72 Schaefer	30 Buljevic, Ackerley
62 Warren	29 Maher
61 Utjesenovic, Alston	24 E. Campbell
60 Richards	23 Sharpe
59 Baartz	21 Keith
55 Ollerton, Bennett	20 McColl
52 Mackay	19 Jankovics, Krncevic, Tolson
47 Harris	
45 Byrne	
44 J. Nyskohus, Harding	
43 Vojtek, Williams	
38 Kosmina	
36 Muniz	
35 Tansey, Rei	
34 Curran, Clarke	

International goals

25 Abonyi	8 Vojtek, McColl
18 Baartz	7 Alston, Sharpe, Buljevic
13 Ollerton	6 Krncevic, Kosmina, Warren
8 Vojtek, McColl	5 Hunter, Richards, Mackay

Total goals

36 Abonyi	11 Buljevic
21 Baartz	10 Richards, Harding
20 Ollerton	9 Warren, McColl
17 Alston	8 Sharpe

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★HEIDELBERG	6	1	1	24	10	3	3	2	10	5	34:15	22
★STH MELBOURNE	5	2	1	12	6	5	0	3	12	8	24:14	22
ADELAIDE CITY	5	3	1	12	5	3	0	5	13	13	25:18	19
★Brisbane Lions	4	2	1	9	5	2	5	2	13	13	22:18	19
★Marconi	4	3	1	21	7	3	1	4	9	14	30:21	18
Canberra City	3	2	4	12	12	4	2	2	14	4	26:17	18
★Footscray JUST	4	1	3	16	12	1	4	3	9	14	25:26	15
★Newcastle KB	4	1	3	7	9	2	2	4	8	12	15:21	15
★APIA-L'hardi	4	2	2	10	11	1	0	7	5	13	15:24	12
Brisbane City	3	2	3	7	7	0	4	5	6	16	13:23	12
Blacktown City	4	1	3	18	13	1	1	7	7	27	25:40	12
West Adelaide	5	2	1	10	6	0	0	9	7	26	17:32	12
St.George BSC	2	1	6	11	23	2	1	5	11	19	22:42	10

★ Match in hand

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

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Syd. C) (Bris.L) (J.U.S.T.) (Heid)D. COLE (1)
(Can. C)GIAMPAOLO (3)
(Can.C)VIERI (3)
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BLACKTOWN: Freeman 6 — Harris 7, Pointer 8, Cuk 8 (inj. sub. Rasmussen 87th), Turnbull 7 — Savage 8, Hormazabal 7, O'Donnell (inj. sub Pollard 7, 26th. min) — Hunter 6, Izatt 7 Wilkinson 6.

MARCONI 1 APIA-LEICHHARDT 2 at Marconi Oval. Ratings by Ted Smithies

MARCONI: Maher 7, Cant 7, Henderson 7, Muir 6, Degney 6, Byrne 8, Raskopoulos 6, Vieri 9, Jankovics 7, Mariani 7 (Krnecvic 88'), Sharpe 7.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 7, Skellern 7, Dempsey 8, Wilson 8, McGinn 8, Coyne 8, McAusland 6, Butler 6, McKie 6, Pirie 5, O'Connor 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Middle Park. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

STH MELB: Laumets 7 — V. Bannon 8, Blair 8, Lutton 8, Davidson 9 — Rogers 8, Xanthopoulos 7, Campbell 8 — Cummings 7, Evans 8, Buljevic 8.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 9 — McKie 5, Topolanski 7, Forde 5, Bozanic 8 — Norris 5, Carruthers 6, Honeyman 7, McGregor 5 — Key 5, Manocas 7.

HEIDELBERG UTD 0 SYDNEY CITY 0 at Olympic Park. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — McMillan 8, P. Bannon 7, Yzendoorn 7, Tansey 9 — Campbell 8, Selemidis 7, Rooney 7 (Taylor 83rd) — Cole 7, Paton 8, Bozakis 8 (injured, sub Williams 63rd).

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 7 — Mullen 9, Spanos 7, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7 — Watson 7, Barnes 8, Stevenson 7, Souness 7 — Boden 7, Trenter 7.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 at Richlands. Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

LIONS — Scanlan 8, Wilson 7, Hermiston 9, Bennett 6, Niven 9, Hogg 7, Lindsay 7, Ogden 8, Ontong 8, McNaughton 7, Millman 7.

FOOTSCRAY — Boland 9, Kyriakoulas 7, Kondarios 9, Kiriari 8, Petrov 7, O'Reilly 7, Ilioski 7, Rujovic 7, Vasic 5 (Cozzella 45th, 71), Belic 6, Lujic 8.

ST. GEORGE 1 BRISBANE CITY 1 at Barton Park. Crowd: 2117. Ratings by Tom Anderson.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 7, Russell 8, Skean 7, (Sub R. Fraser 63rd) Utjesenovic 7, Katholos 7, Barton 8, Griffiths 6, McIntosh 7, Kay 7, Stone 8, Campbell 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, Potter 7, Ratcliffe 7, Perry 7, Gaffney 6, Pimblett 6, Hamilton 6, Wilkinson 6, Conner 7, McCluskey 6, (Sub Brusasco 67th min), Kelso 9.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 CANBERRA CITY 1 at Olympic Sports Field. Ratings by Meno Toutisidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Dadds 9, Basir 7, Jones 8, B. Nyakohus 7, Russell 7, Perin 7, (Northcote 61st min) Muniz 7, Barnes 8, J. Nyakohus 7, Melita 7.

CANBERRA CITY: Wilson 7, Moulis 7, R. O'Shea 7, Stark 7, Milovanovic 7 — Farrell 7 (Valeri 65th min), J. O'Shea 7, Cole 9 — Brennan 7, Byrne 7, Giampaolo 9.

Leading ratings:

8.3 Hermiston (BL)
8.2 Kondarios (Foots)
8.1 Tansey (H'berg), V. Bannon (SM)
8.0 Bennett (BL), G. Cole (H'berg), Barnes, Watson (SC)

7.9 Milovanovic (Can), Boland (Foots), J. Campbell (H'berg), Reaney (Newci).

7.8 Perry (BC), Hogg (BL), Rooney (H'berg), Maher (Mar), Xanthopoulos, Lutton (SM), Crook (WA)

7.7 Pointer (Black), Ontong (BL), McMillan (H'berg), Davidson (SM), Clarke, Mullen (SC)

7.6 Jones (AC), P. O'Connor (APIA), Ratcliffe (BC), Millman (BL), Yzendoorn (H'berg), G. Campbell (SM), S. O'Connor, Stevenson, Boden (SC).

7.5 Dadds (AC), Wishart, Potter (BC), Giampaolo, D. Cole, R. Wilson (Can), P. Wilson (APIA), Selemidis (H'berg), Laumets (SM).

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7. Giampaolo (Can).
6. Paton (H'berg), Vasic (Footz), Valeri (Can), Millman (BL), O'Connor (APIA), C. Barnes (AC).
5. Wilkinson (Black).
4. Hunter (Black), Kolso (BC), T. Byrne (Can), J. Campbell (H'berg), Sharma (Marc), G. Campbell (SM), Stevenson, Trenter (SC), Kosmina (WA).
3. Fashanu (AC), Samuels, (APIA), O'Donnell (Black), McGregor (BL), J. O'Shea (Can), Piccone, Lujic, Olferton (Footz), Bozic (H'berg), G. Byrne (Marc), Christopoulos, Evans (SM), Smith (SC), Honeyman, Manecas (WA).



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Branko Buljevic scores the second of his two goals against West Adelaide. At left is West's star full back Vic Bozanic who deprived Buljevic of two more. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



George Campbell (right) of South Melbourne strikes a ballet pose as he gambles on getting his foot to the ball ahead of West Adelaide's Tom Forde.



Heidelberg's player-coaches Pat Bannon (right) and Jimmy Rooney (rear) chase Sydney City's Ken Boden in the scoreless draw at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

Blacktown and APIA lambs to slaughter

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Fired by the knowledge that Sydney City has a testing encounter against West Adelaide, South Melbourne Hellas, urged on by the "Blue Army", can maintain its PSL title hopes by convincingly defeating Blacktown this weekend.

The Sydney side faces a Hellas side finally realising the potential its classy squad has shown since the inception of the PSL.

What are the factors behind Hellas's ability to duplicate its fine potential on paper with credible on-field performance?

I believe that the major factor involved is Hellas's newly found defensive organisation and coach John Margaritis deserves most plaudits for this change.

As Hellas star Alan Evans pointed out earlier this season in Soccer Action's "On The Ball" column Hellas suffered in previous years from giving away many simple goals but the brilliance of Bertie Lutton as sweeper and the marking ability of Arthur Xanthopoulos have helped transform the defence and give it an air of solidity.

Add to that the ability of Vince Bannon and Alan Davidson to win possession at the back, quickly turning defence into attack, and you have the recipe for Hellas's successful goals against record.

If Blacktown defenders Cliff Pointer and Peter Cuk allow Hellas's attackers too much latitude they will pay dearly and the Demos will return to Sydney empty-handed.

Heidelberg takes on APIA a few miles away from the Hellas-Blacktown affair and new coach Len McKendry will be looking for a confident return to the form of the previous encounter between these sides when Heidelberg hammered home five goals, with Gary Cole notching a hat trick and his sidekick Jamie Paton completing the scoring honors.

APIA's former Soccerroo captain Peter Wilson will most likely line up as sweeper and his afternoon could be sheer hell if Rooney, Theo Selemidis and Jim Campbell can give good service to their front runners.

Heidelberg should run out the winner and keep its sights firmly set on the championship.

Sydney City must defeat West Adelaide to ease the Hellas-Heidelberg challenge for the title but not before John Kosmina and Manecas send the City supporters into the nearest bar in search of a stiff whisky.

The Slickers should just edge out the South Australians while in other games Marconi, St. George, Brisbane Lions and Newcastle look too strong for their opponents.

The weekend's games with likely winners and previous results:

IN MELBOURNE
HELLAS v Blacktown at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous result: Hellas 3-0.

HEIDELBERG v APIA Leichhardt at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 - APIA 1-0, Heidelberg 2-1. 1980 - Heidelberg 5-0. Advantage Heidelberg 2 wins, one loss, goals: 7-2.

IN SYDNEY

MARCONI v Cambera at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - Canb 1-0, 0-0, 1978 - Marc 2-0, 0-0, 1979 - Canb 3-1, 1-1, 1980 - Marc 1-0. No advantage.

ST. GEORGE v Footscray J.U.S.T. at Barton Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - St. G 2-1, 0-0, 1978 - St. G 3-1, J.U.S.T. 2-0, 1979 - St. G 3-1, J.U.S.T. 2-0, 1980 - J.U.S.T. 5-3. No advantage.

IN NEWCASTLE

NEWCASTLE v Brisbane City at International Sports Centre, Saturday 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1978 - BC 3-2, Newc 2-1, 1979 - Newc 4-1, 1-1, 1980 - Newc 2-1. Advantage Newcastle 3 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss. Goals: 11-7.

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide v SYDNEY CITY at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 - SC 3-1, 1-1, 1978 - WA 3-2, SC 2-1, 1979 - SC 3-0, 2-0, 1980 - SC 7-0. Advantage Sydney City 3 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss. Goals: 20-6.

IN BRISBANE

BRISBANE LIONS v Adelaide City at Lions Stadium,

Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 - 1-1, 0-0, 1978 - BL 4-1, 3-1, 1979 - AC 6-0, 2-0, 1980 - 0-0. No advantage. Goal advantage Adelaide City 11-8.



Duncan Cummings, shadowed by West Adelaide sweeper Shraga Topolanski.

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ST. GEORGE 1
BRISBANE CITY 1

Scorers: Saints: Kotholos. Brisbane City: Ratcliffe. Ground: Barton Park. Conditions: Perfect. Cautions: Ujlesanovic (St. G.).

Referee: Richard Lorenz. 8. This was a nail-biting 90 minutes of relegation pressure for both teams with their Phillips League future at stake.

And because of the critical situation mistakes were plentiful. We'll have to give the players the benefit of the doubt.

Neither team had a player willing to take the responsibility of grabbing control and dictating the tactics.

For all of them, the ball was red hot and many of the players wanted to get rid of it even before they had possession.

And until this situation is remedied both teams will be fraught with relegation worries.

Saints went through a nightmare first 60 minutes when they played like a team in a daze.

The Queenslanders could not believe their luck when the Saints defence let them run free near goal and get their shots in.

And although Brisbane got a goal in the 22nd minute because of this, they failed to capitalise on Saints generosity.

City's goal was a cheap affair. This is the sad tale of woe for Saints this season.

As usual, the Saints defenders were standing around picking their noses watching the action.

It was a disgrace for a professional outfit to allow such a goal to happen.

After this the Queenslanders could have scored three more and they have only themselves to blame for not doing so.

Their main culprit was Jim McCuskey who missed on three occasions when it looked easier to score.

But the easy things in life are obviously not the ones missed by McCuskey — he missed the three of them.

It was not until the last 30 minutes that Saints came to life and produced the type of fighting and aggressive football that wards off relegation.

They then put it all together and the equaliser came in the 79th minute through Peter Kotholos.

And what a goal it was.

Youth International Paul Kay made all the running on the right and beat two Brisbane defenders before pulling the ball back to the edge of the penalty area.

It reached Kotholos who thundered it into the net via the crossbar for a spectacular goal.

Saints had saved a point and also some of their prestige.

However on this up-and-down performance there are many nervous weeks ahead for their supporters.

Saints still fail to realise that man-to-man tight marking is a must in their own penalty area.

I think the biggest problem here is that the players are not talking to one another.

Also, they are ball watching and letting their opponents run free.

All it needs to remedy this is far sweeper John Russell, the last man in defence, to use his vision and his tongue.

He should have been told to do this weeks ago.

After the game Saints advisor from Yugoslavia, Frank Arok, certainly had Saints faults picked out.

And I'm sure they will be remedied for this weekends ultra-important clash with Footscray.

As for Brisbane City, well they deserved a point and fought very well away from home.

However, their biggest problem seems to be a lack of fitness.

Some of their players looked physically soft and in midfield in particular, a lack of pace and work-rate was very noticeable.

At times the Queenslanders looked for the easy way out — to the detriment of their team.

The weeks ahead are going to be very nervous and pressure packed for both teams.

If they have the character and the courage and the will to succeed they will get out of trouble.

If they don't then it's bye,

Valeri the difference

ADELAIDE CITY 1
CANBERRA CITY 1

Scorers: Barnes (AC) 27th; Valeri (CC) 66th. Ground: Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 4,100. Cautions: Muniz, Dodds, Pein (AC); Giampaolo, J. O'Shea (CC).

Referee: G. Neal. This draw would not have pleased Adelaide City coach Rale Rasic.

Leading 1-0 at half time thanks to another splendid effort from the PSI's most underrated striker, Colin Barnes, Adelaide City looked capable of stretching it a bit further even if it wasn't playing at its best.

But Adelaide City wasn't expecting the sort of fight Canberra put up after half time.

The Senators troubled Adelaide City with some deadly attacking thrusts and were unlucky not to have grabbed both points after Walter Valeri equalised in the 66th minute.

It was very much a game of contrasting halves.

Referee Graham Neal was the busiest man on the ground, flashing his yellow card to five players.

But some of the cautions were not justified, while other offences passed without a word from Neal.

One such offence occurred in the first half when Johnny Nyskobus was flattened after breaking away and looking all set to score.

However with Nyskobus lying in an undignified heap, Neal waved play on.

With both sides marking closely, the match was scrappy from the start and few chances were created.

Both goalkeepers had a fairly easy time and were not called on to make any notable saves.

Indeed, Barnes' 27th minute goal was the only real chance of the half.

The goal was set up by Nyskobus who allowed a right wing pass to run past him for Barnes to smash into the roof of the net from about 12 metres.

The game gradually died away and it wasn't until three minutes before half time that the crowd had something to talk about.

On this occasion Duncan Cote, the Kiwi midfielder, broke through Adelaide's defence but was tripped just outside the penalty area.

The free kick which followed came to nothing.

Canberra lifted in the second half but it took a substitution to really get them firing.

Walter Valeri came on in the 66th minute for Isaac Farrell in the move that changed the complexion of the match.

Within a minute, Cote had slipped a ball to Valeri who slammed a great equaliser into the far corner from eight metres.

The goal was the spark Canberra needed.

After a quiet, undistinguished performance, Sebastian Giampaolo roared to life and gave Adelaide's defenders a big headache.

He had a great chance to put Canberra ahead in the 73rd minute when he flicked the ball over a defender and then curled a delicate shot just wide of the far post.

Earlier, Barnes had struck a furious 30-metre drive which Canberra goalkeeper Richard Wilson pushed over the bar.

That was Adelaide City's last opportunity to clinch the game.

But Canberra wasn't quite finished. In the 82nd minute Tony Brennan skied the ball over the bar in virtually the same position from which Barnes had scored.

Adelaide City's Brian Northcote who has been sidelined for weeks with a serious back complaint, made a welcome return in the second half, replacing John Perin.

Northcote was preferred to City's promising winger David Mitchell who looks like being only a couple of games away

Cozzella's first goal

FOOTSCRAY LIONS 1
FOOTSCRAY JUST 1

Scorers: BL: Hogg 14th; FC: Cozzella 49th. Ground: Lions Stadium. Weather: Fine. Crowd: Abt. 1100. Referee: D. Rennie. Cautions: Ontong (BL), Kondorof (F).

Brisbane Lions will now have to regard Footscray as something of a bogey team this year, after drawing 1-1 with the Melbourne side, which defeated them 2-1 in the first round.

But if ever Lions threw a game away it was this one. They led 1-0 at half-time, and with Footscray most ineffective against Lions' rigid defence, it seemed that Footscray would not score no matter how long the match went.

Everything Lions tried in the first half came off. They had complete control of the midfield, even tough Footscray used usual defender Jim O'Reilly there, and the front trio of Paul Ontong, Ron Millman and Mark McNaughton created chances galore.

Saion, the Melbourne side, which defeated them 2-1 in the first round. Referee Doug Rennie gave a free kick for handball just outside the box. It was taken quickly as the offender, Kiri Kyriakoulas, protested and left back Alan Niven hammered a first-time goal-wards, but the agile Dennis Boland was equal to the task.

Ontong was clearly Lions' most effective front runner, underlying his tremendous value to the side this year, and he had great support from some inside runs. Niven came into the centre of the field.

It was a perfect Niven pass in the 14th minute, after we had collected the ball from Gerry Lindsay, which led to Lions' goal, which then looked as if it would be the first of several.

Niven's pass completely split the Footscray backline and Steven Hogg burst through to deftly beat the advancing Boland, after which he sunk to his knees, obviously overjoyed that he had scored his first goal of the season.

Lions continued to hammer away. They were rarely troubled at the back, with Dragan Vasic and Vlatko Belic kept exceptionally quiet in the home side had enough chances to build up a commanding lead at the break.

Nivan again created a great opportunity for the time for Boland plucked their powerful shot down effortlessly.

Later in the half, an Ontong-Millman move set up McNaughton, and his header eluded Boland's groping fingers but floated just over the bar.

McNaughton then burst through on the left but struck the net with his left foot.

They are the type of chances which should be accepted in this company and Lions were later to regret their misses.

The second half was only four minutes old when the usually reliable Col Bennett gave away a gift goal, which pulled Footscray right back into the match.

Bennett had all the time in the world to pass back to Tony Scanlan, but he took things far too casually and was robbed by left wing Zdravko Lujic.

Lujic charged forward and shot, Scanlan did well to parry the shot, but it fell to unmarked Bruno Cozzella, who had been on the park only four minutes, after replacing the out-of-touch Vasic.

Cozzella's first goal for Footscray.

From then on, Footscray began to play some of their best football and midfielders Zoran Ilioski and Mirko Rujic continually fed the flying Lujic on the left wing, giving Lions several hair-raising moments.

Lions by now had lost most of their rhythm and the precise passing which marked their first-half performance was almost totally lacking.

But Hermiston's team mates lacked invention and imagination and relied on pumping long balls into the box, which were easy meat for the Lions' defence.

Both sides had chances to secure the extra point. Lions' best was when Ontong burst into the clear and shot, but Boland somehow managed to save with his feet as he lay on the ground.

Ontong received yet another booking for a foul on Boland and will now miss the important match on Sunday at home against Adelaide City.

Buljevic again

STH MELB HELLAS 2
WEST ADELAIDE 0

Scorers: Buljevic 63rd and 64th. Ground: Middle Park. Referee: Peter Ramplay (NSW). Cautions: Morris (WA). Crowd: About 5000.

South Melbourne Hellas strengthened its bid for the championship, thanks again to Branko Buljevic.

Buljevic had scored both goals in the 2-1 victory over Heidelberg the previous week and he repeated that feat against West Adelaide, scoring in the 63rd and 64th minutes.

Hellas overwhelmed West Adelaide in general play and had so many chances that it could have won by as much as eight goals instead of two.

Only goalkeeper Martyn Crook and leftback Vic Bozanic saved West Adelaide from a humiliating thrashing.

Hellas did as it liked, so much so that sweeper Bertie Luton, leftback Alan Davidson and stopper Steve Blair were in attack as much as in defence.

Blair, the Australian international defender, played in place of George Christopoulos who was suspended.

West Adelaide missed injured striker John Kosmina and defender Zoran Maricic who was dropped to the bench.

West Adelaide was in defence for almost the entire game, much to the frustration of its isolated forwards Manecas and Chris Key.

Hellas had brilliant players all over the field, notably Buljevic, Davidson, Luton, Blair, George Campbell and Alan Evans.

Bozanic prevented two certain goals — with a sliding tackle on Buljevic in the third minute and he booked clear a shot by Buljevic in the 60th minute.

West Adelaide sweeper Shraga Topolanski saved on the goal line a shot by Duncan Cummings and Martyn Crook made more saves than the most experienced statistician could keep count of.

One of his best was a one-handed save of a sly chip by Campbell in the 31st minute.

Hellas threatened West Adelaide from all angles and all positions including centre half as Blair flashed into play repeatedly for shots at goal and headers from corners. With luck he could have notched a hat-trick.

Luton hit the post just before Hellas opened the scoring.

Cummings played the ball through the defence, leaving Buljevic with only Crook to beat. Buljevic's shot deflected off Crook and trickled over the line for a goal, with Evans belting it just to make sure.

A minute later Buljevic stormed towards a square pass from Vince Bannon and shot first time to his left for the second goal.

Evans had two narrow misses, Crook desperately blocked a shot by Campbell and made another save from Cummings who had a lot of bad luck.

Ian McKie, the West Adelaide right back, found himself inside the goal area with an excellent chance to put his team back into the game but Davidson brushed him aside, took the ball from his feet and played it out confidently.

You have to feel sorry for West Adelaide, which is in danger of relegation only two years after having won the Phillips League championship.

What a game of fortune for coach Gerry Chalch who was used to success for so long with Sydney City.

Hellas on the other hand has come from last place in 1979 to the brink of winning the championship.

John Margaritis's squad of players probably is the most talented in the country, man for man.

It's full back pair of Vince Bannon and Alan Davidson definitely is the best in the land — although Heidelberg's Arthur McMillan and Jim Tansey would put up a convincing argument to the contrary.

West Adelaide desperately needs a good centre back and at least two good midfielders.

On Sunday it had no-one capable of playing the ball out of defence, much less through the midfield. Without service, the forwards spent most of the game chasing Hellas's attack.

Trenter's lone stand

HEIDELBERG 0
SYDNEY CITY 0

Ground: Olympic Park. Crowd: 4307. Referee: Dave Nugent (Qld). Cautions: Barnes, Trenter, Mullin (SC).

Sydney City has Heidelberg striker Gary Cole to thank for retaining leadership of the Phillips League with this scoreless draw under lights at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

Cole, striving to set a record for the most goals scored in one season, missed the ball two metres from goal five minutes from the end in the best scoring chance of the game.

Jaime Paton's shot had bounced off the post, goalkeeper Tony Pezzano was down on the ground and Cole looked all set to score his 19th goal of the season when his wild swing missed the ball.

So Heidelberg remains two points behind Sydney City although it had the better of play.

Sydney City obviously had with the intention of making sure of at least a draw.

Ken Boden would not have played so far back had this not been the case.

Mark Trenter was left as Sydney City's lone striker and although he battled gamely, he was unable to get past Pat Dando, the specialist Jim Tansey, the best player on the ground.

Heidelberg hit Sydney City with all its tactical expertise. The skill of its best players and the aggression of its overlapping defenders in the first half and was unlucky not to take the lead before the interval.

Central striker Jamie Paton made his opponent John Spanos look like a junior as he lay off the ball and turned menacingly towards goal in a sensational first-half display.

However, Spanos got a tighter grip on Paton after the interval and the duel became a lot more even.

Midfielder Jim Campbell and Tansey, surging up the left flank, made Heidelberg look by far the better team but misses by Paton and Cole left Sydney City off the hook.

Sydney City was reduced to 10 men when Tansey earned a yellow card.

Barnes, Mark Trenter and Kevin Mullen the yellow card. But Sydney City improved its game after half time when John Stevenson and Ian Snodgrass got a greater part in midfield play and Mullen continued building play from defence.

Trenter threatened in the air, snapping up the loose ball, but he was out of play when he brought the best out of Heidelberg's goalkeeper, Yakkia Banovic.

The match turned back into Heidelberg's favour in the 68th minute when Andrew Bozakis and Cole played a succession of one-two's through the Sydney City defence but the final shot by Cole was off target.

Heidelberg lost a little of its momentum when Bozakis was injured and replaced by Jim Williams in the 63rd minute.

Boden flashed into play with a classy crossfield pass and a square ball into the goal area but neither initiative bore fruit.

Then Trenter beat Banovic with a sly chip but it went narrowly over the bar.

Barnes was the only player to beat Tansey in the 70th minute but his square ball was saved by Banovic.

Heidelberg regained the initiative from the 75th minute when a move via Cole and Paton ended with Jim Rooney missing with a poor shot.

Rooney, joint player-coach of Heidelberg, replaced himself with Ken Taylor in the 83rd minute.

During a determined last-ditch onslaught Cole had that costly miss and Paton shot narrowly over the bar with a brilliant shot after an overlapping run by right back Arthur McMillan.

If Jamie Paton holds this form and luck starts smiling again on Cole, we'll see Heidelberg at its best against APFA at Olympic Park on Sunday.

FOOTNOTE: While Todd Clarke and Gerard Curran were warming up at half time, preparing possibly to come in as substitutes, a voice came over the Olympic Park public address system ordering them off the pitch. It heard rumours that all matches at this venue will now be played out front in the car park so as not to cut in

Dave Jones sent off

NEWCASTLE KB 1
BLACKTOWN CITY 0

Scorers: McClelland 75th. Ground: International Sports Centre. Weather: Fine & Sunny. Cautions: Jones (NU) sent off (30th), Wilkinson (BC) 13th, Turnbull (BC) 89th. Crowd: 4603.

Referee: Col Amos (Brisbane) 5 points. Newcastle KB United gave their greatest performance of the season when they defeated Blacktown City at the International Sports Centre last week.

The local team played for two-thirds of the game with 10 men as striker David Jones was sent off for retaliating in the 30th minute.

The score at that stage was nil-all with KB possibly having the better of the encounters up to that point, and the early departure of Jones did not auger well for the home side.

But that was the catalyst required for Newcastle to lift its game. Whereas up to that point KB had possibly six players playing well, all of a sudden they had 10 playing well.

Unfortunately the game was marred by possibly the worst refereeing seen at the International Sports Centre.

Brisbane referee Col Amos found himself with a hot potato on his hands when he chose to ignore late tackles which were a feature of the game from the kick off.

That naturally had the effect of players taking things in their own hands and squaring accounts, with tempers getting heated, and the referee appearing to be powerless to regain control of the game.

Things did not cool off until the 67th minute when Pat Blacktown centre back Peter Cuk who had moved up front in search of the equaliser, followed through and after clashing with goalkeeper Phil Dando, lay motionless on the ground with a fractured ankle.

The remainder of the game and the longest period of injury time was played in a more civilised way.

But there was nothing illegal about the clash between Dando and Cuk — just one of those unfortunate incidents that happen on the football field.

Blacktown City, in their first appearance at the Sports Centre, were a little disappointing. Possibly the injury to Brian O'Donnell who was replaced in the 26th minute by Steve Pollard, might have had an unsettling effect to the rest of the team, but it brought a front row failed to make good use of the space, especially in the latter stages of the game when they were searching for the equaliser.

They were repeatedly guilty of almost holding hands; consequently there were very few shots at goal, and the over-worked Newcastle defence's job was made easier.

Newcastle took the field with three changes from the team that went down to Marconi the previous week.

John Snodgrass replaced Phil Summerscales at centre back, Joe Senkalski was moved to striker in place of Paul Burrows and the midfield reshuffled with Massimo Arzo, Berthogna and Malcolm McClelland, with Peter Trennick dropping out.

The team delivered the goods against the odds mainly through a great creative effort.

Newcastle showed promise of things to come when in the 19th minute after a good move, Curran's shot was blocked, and five minutes later a well fought free kick by Senkalski found McClelland's head but Freeman did well to push it around the post.

As the game progressed the local players grew in stature. In the 55th minute Senkalski was possibly the best equipped player in the Newcastle squad to handle the lonely striker position) did some good work on the left and his cross on the far post was just too high for Henry to reach.

The winning goal came in the 75th minute and you would have to go a long way to see a better one. It started when Curran pushed forward on the left and combined well with Senkalski who beat three players in a diagonal run before serving incoming midfielder Malcolm McClelland whose first time left foot shot from the edge of the penalty area found the top right hand corner of the net.

From then on it was all "guts" and on the rare occasions when Blacktown City looked like breaking through Phil Dando came to the rescue

Defence crumbles

MARCONI 1
APIA L'HARDT 2

Ground: Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 6280. Referee: Stewart Mellings 4. Yellow cards: Dempsey, Coyne, Pirie (L). Red cards: Nil.

In the local Italian derby, played before a good crowd of over 6000 spectators, Leichhardt defeated Marconi after spending most of the day desperately defending.

Marconi had their chances but failed to convert them, while Leichhardt managed to cross the centre line on very few occasions but used their opportunities well.

Stewart Mellings, the Melbourne referee, came to Marconi for the second time in the past 12 months and managed, yet again, to earn the ire of the local spectators. On his previous visit he gave Eric Campbell of Sydney City two yellow cards. This time he failed to see three obvious penalties to Marconi and one to Leichhardt.

A couple of vicious fouls went unnoticed, while Pirie and Coyne got booked for minor offences. He was so inconsistent that in comparison with Joe Morriazi, the referee who clowned about in the introductory match between the Press and TV team, he was definitely the worse performer.

Marconi drove forward from the very beginning and looked set for an easy victory as Leichhardt's defence was stretched far and wide.

Roberto Vieri, the Italian magician with the ball, had control of the park, pushing his players forward with some immaculate passes. However, some had finishing, coupled with desperate, last-ditch defence by Leichhardt, kept

Woodhouse's goal intact. Mariani's header in the 21st minute, following a great move by Mark Jankovic, was cleared off the line, quite by accident, as the ball struck a defender and bounced over the bar.

Only minutes later it was Peter Sharpe who crossed from the left, leaving Jankovic with the easiest of chances only four metres away from goal. His shot, however, finished way over the bar.

The home side finally hit the front after half an hour, following a corner kick by Vieri.

The ball cleared the heads of most players at the near post, landing in the path of Bert Mariani who skillfully guided it inside the far post, giving Woodhouse no chance.

Marconi continued to dominate the game as if they would run away with the game. In the 33rd minute Jankovic was clearly upended in the area but Mellings thought otherwise and what might have been a 2-0 stay at 1-0.

In the 35th minute Woodhouse was beaten again. Cross by Vieri, backheader by Muir, header by Jankovic but alas the ball slid inches past the post, with Woodhouse scrambling.

With the match seemingly headed for a 1-0 result to Marconi, APFA-Leichhardt attacked down the left flank. Following a cross, O'Connor shot from point-blank range only to see Maher save, but the ball rolled to McKie who made no mistake from close range.

Some players act like parasites

I wasn't impressed by Kenny Burns when I played against him in the English F.A. Cup and I was really surprised when he played for Scotland and did well with Nottingham Forest.

I was playing for Portsmouth in the English Second Division and we were up against Birmingham, Burns' club at the time.

We had drawn 1-1 at home and now we faced up to our First Division opponents at their home ground.

It turned out that we won 1-0 and I scored the winner.

Burns was marking me and I didn't think he was a very good footballer, just physical really. He intimidated you more than anything else.

But he has proved himself now.

Anyway, I'm jumping the gun by talking about my stay at Portsmouth so let me go right to the beginning.

I was about seven when I started to play soccer competitively and I played throughout my school years.

I went to Armadale Thistle in the East of Scotland league and I received offers from Sheffield United and Aston Villa when I was 16.

I went down to England to discuss my future and meantime Motherwell contacted my father about me.

While this was happening I was transferred to Lesmahagow Juniors and then the opportunity of a good job came up in Scotland so I decided to sign with Motherwell and stay at home.



Bobby McGuinness

I was there for a year and a half before Ian St. John took over as manager and he made the players change into full time pros.

This was the best thing that could have happened to Motherwell and it was good for me also because St. John asked me to sign as a full professional.

St. John introduced new and innovative ideas and was able to give us the benefit of his vast experience. He certainly improved my game.

After the end of 1975-76 season he went to Portsmouth and bought me from Motherwell.

I was still learning and I had the advantage of playing off George Graham, the ex-Arsenal star.

But when I went there Portsmouth had spent about six hundred thousand pounds on players and St. John got rid of most of them for about two hundred thousand pounds. To me that was silly and he seemed to be cutting his own throat before he had settled in.

Anyway, we were relegated that year but not before that memorable win over Birmingham.

A bloke called Tony Barten was the chief scout for Portsmouth and his brother-in-law was coach of the youth team at

On the Ball The Player's Viewpoint

I've been shunted from Sydney to Hellas to Vic Rail to Juventus.

Aston Villa. Barton went to Villa and asked me to come along.

Dave Maclaren's brother was reserve team coach at Villa and it was through the Barten-Maclaren connection that Dave Maclaren came to ring me up and ask me to come to Australia to play with Sydney City, then Hakoah-East.

When he mentioned Bondi beach I was on the plane. I joined Sydney City and when Maclaren went to Hellas he bought me with him.

After Dave bought me he decided that I was too small for PSL football. Consequently I ended up on the bench most of the time.

The game that sticks most on my mind was when Hellas played Heidelberg.

I suppose it was the game that helped kill my chances of establishing myself at Hellas because you are never forgiven for mistakes against the arch-enemy, Heidelberg. I thought that I was having a good game and just after half time I set up a goal for Chris Kent.

With 20 minutes to go I broke through and had only Peter Blasby to beat in the Heidelberg goal.

I decided to try to go around him but he saved with his leg and a great chance had gone begging.

It also didn't help my situation when Hellas couldn't come up with a decent job like they had promised they would.

I can remember Stuart Baxter and I being sent by Hellas down to VicRail for work.

After we had waited to see someone for about three hours we were told to report for work next morning at five o'clock.

We weren't too keen on that idea so we asked him if anything else was going and he gave us another job.

Next morning there we were sitting on the back of this lorry.

We didn't speak to each other for about half an hour. We were obviously both thinking the same thing because Stuart piped up and said:

"Let's give this a miss", so we both jumped off the lorry and headed off down the road.

Sure, Hellas promises you a job but they only offer you one job and if you don't want it then you are left to find work yourself.

But I would like to point out something about most players — they just won't get off their backsides and look for work.

As far as I am concerned a lot of players are like parasites just living off the club.

I went out myself and found



Bobby McGuinness (left) with Rothmans Medal Winner Tommy Cumming at the 1979 presentation for the Best and Fairest Player in the State League. At right is Vince Bannon, now starring with Hellas.



Burns not impressive

a good job rather than relying on Hellas getting me work.

Anyway, seeing as I wasn't getting my game the only logical thing to do was to seek a move and as I had a good job in Melbourne I decided to stay here.

The State League seemed like the best place to go but Hellas asked for \$8,000 for me which was ridiculous considering that I had only one full game for them.

In 1979 Hellas arranged for me to go to J.U.S.T. on loan for six weeks.

I think that Dave Maclaren and Tony Kovac arranged the move.

So I went to training at J.U.S.T. only to find out that Cedo Cirkovic, J.U.S.T.'s coach at the time, didn't even know that I was coming!

Cirkovic didn't want me but Fred Bunce, who was at Frankston then, was interested in signing me. However the prohibitive price on my head stopped that move.

Then Juventus made some sort of arrangement with Hellas and I moved to the State League.

I am glad that I have moved to Juventus but more importantly I am proving Maclaren wrong by leading the scorers' list at present.

Actually, it's the women's committee at Juventus that owns me, for it had some money put away and bought me.

Juventus is a great club because there is a terrific family atmosphere there and the players are a good bunch.

But back to the PSL. I think the playing standards are amateurish albeit the grounds are not conducive to good football.

The players lack dedication, especially the youngsters trying to break through into the big time.

As for coaching there are very few good coaches around. Anyone can take a group of players and make them run around the park a few times.

We need a lot more coaching seminars, not only for prospective coaches but also for the administrators.

Directors and presidents should leave a coach to his own devices. You never see a club president taking training back home!

As for the media, there is no doubt that we lack good coverage of the game in the national press and the image of these guys on TV is doing more harm than good to the sport.

Even people at work who don't follow the game have a dig at me on Mondays after watching the soccer segment on Sunday mornings.

We need people who know what they are talking about. But bad media coverage aside, I can see the game getting better in the 80's. After all, the only way we can go is up.

I think that we could use the American show biz style to get the game out of its slump.

At national team level we seem to have the nucleus of a fair side but whether they can put it together at the right time is another matter.

Rudi Gutendorf is a bit of a showman and at least he plans the game by getting people talking about him.

But I remember reading in "Soccer Action" that he said he thought that he had the players he wanted, but now he is unsure.

This is bad for the players' confidence and you would never hear Victorian coach Len McKendry coming out in the Press and saying that, because McKendry is loyal to his players.

The McKendry's loyalty carries over to team selection and I think that he is being unfair to a couple of players.

To tell you the truth, I think that I should be in the Victorian squad.

I also think that I could play



Maclaren thought McGuinness was too small.

in the PSL with Juventus or some other club. Maybe I could tell Dave Maclaren that I have grown a couple of inches since the Hellas days and that would make the difference.

Still, I am happy at Juventus and I think that we have the potential to return to the great days of the past.

We are only a couple of players away from being a really great side but even now when we play well there is not a team in the league that can touch us.

We need only one great season to get the supporters back behind us but we must start winning regularly to keep the fans happy.

We'll be a real force once we get a top ball-winner in the middle of the park.

But who really knows what the future holds?

I used to think about the future all the time but now I take things as they come.

I have furthered my business career by coming to Australia as I have a job here that I could never get in Scotland, so I can say sincerely that coming here has definitely been the best thing I have done.

At least I can say that Australian soccer is starting to look healthier, with the leagues becoming more competitive.

Let's hope that the young players coming through can improve our soccer, for we desperately need something to lit it out of the doldrums.



Coach Len McKendry and the Victorian squad. Bobby McGuinness reckons he should be part of it. Back row from left: McKendry, Gardiner, Short, Davidson, Laumets, Cole, Gilder, Kokoska, Banovic, Tansey. Front: Picioane, Tront, Williams, Cumming, Paton, Yzendoorn, Rooney.

Rare insight into soccer

Review, by **WALTER PLESS**

Eric Batty (ed.), Soccer Coaching: The European Way, (Souvenir Press), London, 1980. (240 pages, \$17.95).

It is high time that a book such as Soccer Coaching: The European Way edited by Eric Batty (Souvenir Press, London, 1980; 240 pages, \$17.95) should appear in Britain, thus legitimising, in a way, the European game and all that it has to offer to the British game.

Among the contributors are four of continental Europe's most successful and respected coaches. Hermes Weisweiler, Vaclav Jezek, Lajos Baroti and Rinus Michels. While Weisweiler outlines his basic coaching method, which con-

sists of small groups of players working in restricted areas, the other three deal with whole-team coaching and the development of team tactics.

A basic theme throughout the book is the idea that, as long as one doesn't expect too much from ordinary players, the coaching schemes outlined for the highly paid professionals can be usefully employed by coaches working at lower levels. One could argue, in fact, that the greatest difference between coaching top professional teams, as op-

posed to amateur, part-time teams, lies not so much in a difference in routines and exercises but in the fact that the professional players are able to carry out the routines and exercises at a far higher level of skill and efficiency.

Ron Greenwood, Dave Sexton and Peter Shilton, fittingly enough, also contribute a chapter each. Fittingly, because Greenwood and Sexton have long praised the Eu-

ropean game and recognised the potential of its methods and Shilton because he personifies the art of goalkeeping.

Sexton discusses the alternatives to that perennial feature of the British game, the high cross into the penalty area, while Greenwood deals with the question of balance. Most passes and shots that go astray do so, he argues, because players are unbalanced. The improvement of a player's sense of balance should be a major priority in coaching. The Europeans and South Americans have long realised this but the British have ignored it. Greenwood decries weight training and advocates exercises and routines which will improve a player's sense of balance.

Other British contributors include Frank Blunstone, who deals with basic skills for young players and Cyril Lea and Fred Street, who deal with speed and stamina training and the treatment of injuries, respectively. The latter, an area that all coaches should be familiar with, is often neglected in coaching manuals.

The book is highly priced at \$17.95, but is well worth the read. The text is well presented and lucid, thus satisfactorily overcoming a paucity of diagrams. It offers a rare insight into the minds of some of soccer's great thinkers and it should provide lessons for Australian readers, be they players, coaches, spectators or administrators.

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Can Cullen do the damage?

PRESTON Makedonia gets its chance tonight (Wednesday) to show one and all that its team is good enough to compete in the Philips League.

Makedonia, one of the candidates for PSL membership next year, takes on Canberra City at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan, at 8 pm, in their postponed Philips Cup match.

In the Cup last year, Makedonia led Adelaide City before losing in extra time.

Its attack of nippy Robert Cullen, powerful George McMillan and opportunistic Gary Ward is as productive as any in the PSL.

But it remains to be seen whether Makedonia's defence is good enough to hold Sebastian Giampolo, Terry Byrne and especially Tony Brennan who has been in sparkling form.

Peter Orlerton can't play as he is cup-tied, having played

Heidelberg v. Hellas July 23

for Footscray in the first round.

Green Gully Ajax, lying not far behind Makedonia on the Victorian State League ladder, travels to Adelaide next Wednesday (July 23) to take on Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Ajax has some fine players and a shrewd coach in Bobby McLachlan but they have only a slim chance of causing an upset.

McLachlan's approach will be to try to contain City and he will have markers for Colin Barnes, John Nyskous and Agenor Muzil.

Ajax's chances of victory rely on a breakaway goal or on the penalties showdown after extra time.

The Hellas v. Heidelberg Cup match, postponed two weeks ago, will be played next Wednesday (July 23), at Olympic Park.

Hellas won the league game 2-1 recently, so Heidelberg is out for revenge and coach Pat Bannon is confident of victory this time.

"We played poorly in the league game but we'll be back at our best, mark my words," he said. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

"But some of the players we already have would be stars in the PDL — Robert Cullen, George McMillan, Lube Petrovski, Claude Lucchesi and Jeff Faulkner for example."

Makedonia applied for PSL membership last year and president Branov has written to the league asking whether the club has to make a new application this time.

Trajanovski said Makedonia's presence in the PSL would be of great benefit to Hellas, Heidelberg and J.U.S.T. as each would have an extra home game.

"And yet I believe J.U.S.T. and Heidelberg are reluctant to support us," he said. "If they joined Hellas in backing us, our case would be at least 50 per cent stronger."

Trajanovski points out that if Wollongong is added to a 16-team league, the PSL could have eight NSW-based teams and therefore would not

be a truly national competition.

"It would imply that NSW is twice as good as Victoria at soccer, yet this is not so. The Victorian State League for example is much stronger than NSW's State League," Trajanovski said.

And Makedonia is much more suitable for the PSL than a club from Hobart, he added.

"We played against the Tasmanian applicant, Rapid West Point, in the Philip Cup, and beat them

5-1 in front of only about 300 spectators," he said.

Makedonia was founded in 1947 but disbanded two years later and was formed again in 1957. It was affiliated with the Victorian Soccer Federation in 1959 to play initially in the Provisional League.

The team was promoted to the State League in 1967 but was relegated again the following year.

But it came up again for the 1976 season and has been among the strongest clubs in the State League ever since.

FARRUGIA RETURNS

Championship — chasing Melita turned on a brilliant display of attacking soccer to beat Canterbury Marickville 2-0 at Garade Park.

The return of midfield ace Ray Farrugia after injury inspired Melita to produce its best soccer of the season.

Farrugia's intelligent distribution created many chances and striker Don Allen took full advantage to notch two goals.

His first goal came in the 50th minute when Richie Williams sent a perfectly-judged cross for Allen to head home from close range.

Melita wrapped the match up with a second Allen goal in the 76th minute after good lead-up work by John Stoddart.

Canterbury captain Neil Williams impressed with a whole-hearted display in midfield and replacement striker Ross Brown looked dangerous on occasion.

Ex-youth international striker Craig Hall failed to impress for Canterbury and was replaced by Brown in the second half.

Sydney Olympic maintained their place at the head of the State League with a 2-0 win over Avala at Pratten Park.

The first goal came in the 52nd minute when Houssein Houssein was brought down in the penalty area and Peter Hensman scored from the spot.

Five minutes later, Hensman scored again with a header that gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Olympic had missed a great opportunity to take the lead in the 36th minute when Avala goalkeeper Peter Abrens was penalised for pushing but Andy Scott hit the upright with a spot kick.

Olympic were worthy winners but they had to fight hard against a determined Avala before they finally got on top.

Hensman was the best forward on the field and it was fitting that he should score both goals. Ian Rowden also stood out in midfield.

Avala set out to block the elusive Houssein and met with some success, though Houssein was able to bring off several outstanding moves.

Max Barton was a tireless defender for Avala and Billy Pilovski also had a good game for the losers.

Two second half goals by Zdenko Kalka gave last year's premiers Croatia a surprise 2-1 victory over Auburn at Mona Park.

NSW details
Sydney Olympic 2 (Hensman) 2 Avala 0 at Pratten Park.

Croatia 2 (Kalka) 2 Auburn 1 (Martinez) at Mona Park.
Melita 2 (Allen) 2 Canterbury Marickville 0 at Garade Park.

Manly 3 (Jack) 3 Arncliffe Scots 0 at Hurstville.
Parramatta 2 (Mitchell, Stephenson) Ku-Ring-Gal 1 (Hamilton) at Parklands Oval.

Monsaro 1 (Santolillo) Sutherland 1 (Bush) at Ouseybeney.
North Sydney 1 (Lynden) Peni Bankstown 1 (Youssef) at North Sydney.

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Auburn 0 Croatia 0
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Bankstown 2 (Lynch, Seaveridge) North Sydney 0.

Avala 1 (Milne) Sydney Olympic 0.
Parramatta 1 (Dalton) Ku-Ring-Gal 0.

Melita 1 (Gauci) Canterbury-Marickville 0.
Sutherland 3 (Wilson, Hitchens, Sparkes) Monsaro 1 (Rele).

THIRD GRADE
Auburn 5 (McLaughlin, 3, Lee, Lomas) Croatia 0.
Manly 3 (Frankland, Clacher, Frost) Arncliffe Scots 0.

Sydney Olympic 1 (Martinez) Avala 0.
Arncliffe Olympic 1 (Martinez) Avala 0.

Ku-Ring-Gal 1 (Perry) Parramatta 1.
Melita 1 (Sallath) Canterbury-Marickville 1 (Jackas).

Bankstown 3 (Dale, Sillina, Ferguson) North Sydney 0.

Kennedy out, Karapatsos back

The Victorian Leagues

Metro Fourth Division club Sandringham City sacked player-coach John Kennedy after losing 2-1 to bottom team Caulfield.

Norrie Davey who was replaced earlier this season as coach of First Division side Dandenong City was appointed as Sandringham first team coach, resuming his tie with the club that ended at the end of last season.

Doveon maintained its impetus towards the First Division championship when it defeated Altona Gate 2-1 and Ringwood City kept a tenuous hold of second spot by knocking three goals past Box Hill.

Mark Karapatsos, ex-Western Suburbs and Heidelberg United midfielder, is training with Northcote City which hopes to sign him from Greek first division side Larissa.

Jimmy Armstrong hammered home four goals in Morwell's 5-0 thrashing of Melbourne, a win that kept the Falcons at the head of Second Division.

DIVISION TWO
MORWELL 5 (Armstrong 4, Savage) MELBOURNE 0

SELECTIONS

Selections by Craig MacLennan:

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John Kennedy — out

ELTHAM: Payne, Lee, Clink, P. Samsonidis, Vandersik, Lester, Norton, Palmer, Gooney, McIntosh, C. Sampsonidis. Subs: Shaw, Storis, Barwise.

BEST: Coburg: Daly, Jones, Deans, Eltham: Lister, Palermo, C. Sampsonidis.

DIVISION FOUR
NORTH DANDENONG 1 NU-NAWADING CITY 1

Nunawading opened the scoring when Phil Mullett ran through the middle and shot accurately.

North drew level with a shot that deceived Nunawading keeper Phil Hammonds.

PROVISIONAL ONE
HAMLYN RANGERS 0 ESSENDON CITY 2

Scorers: Triayev, Sodanomo, Hamlyn: Nydam, Opliva, Shuttleworth, Fraser, J. Tuton, McMullen, M. Tuton, Bradshaw, Prior, Munro, Melt, Reserves: Fricker, Muir, McMeachan.

ESSENDON: Ignatidis, Hernandez, Malokris, Diliza, Mann, Sodanomo, Panayiotidis, Bano, Cappon, G. Triayev, Reserves: F. Triayev, Lovickas, Arnes.

BEST PLAYERS: Hamlyn: Prior, J. Tuton, Fraser, Shuttleworth, Essendon: Diliza, Hernandez, Malokris, Sodanomo, G. Triayev.

PROVISIONAL TWO
HAWKSBURN 2 CARLTON 2

Scorers: Hawksburn: Palnietas, Kaimar, Carillon, Ristic, P. Krim, HAWKSBURN: Mezicki, Sub. Ozakovic, Simej, Barma, Hegedus, Benedit, Sub. Bulic, Palnietas, Derek, Kaimar, Lasko.

CARLTON: Covic, B. Milosavetic, Ceric, Ristic, D. Milosavetic, Jevtic, P. Krim, Z. Krim, Stojanovic, B. Telegrafic, Ristic.

BEST PLAYERS: Hawksburn: Sabo, Benedit, Kaimar, Carillon, D. Milosavetic, B. Jelicic, Ristic.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY 0 THOMASTOWN 3

Scorers: Hazle 2, Dallas 1, THOMASTOWN: Raponi, Vangel, Triakopoulos, Rizzo, Karamitidis, Rovic, Hazle, Papadopoulos, Tavellos, Dallas, Comar, Res. Zuanetti, Magnano, Carlow.

UNIVERSITY: Cilic, Auster, Paolito, Ekert, Neale, Fridel, Campbell, Agardy, Huczek, Washkobenko, Res. Comar, Alimortiz, Magee.

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Mark Karapatsos — back

BEST PLAYERS: University: Cilic, Agardy, Campbell, Thomastown: Raponi, Hazle, Karamitidis, Rizzo.

PROVISIONAL THREE
CLIFTON HILL 1 ROSANNA 0

Scorers: Karv, CLIFTON HILL: Savandira, Angelidis, Patrikakis, Varvass, Xanthopoulos, Venetis, Karv, Khas, Vithgallakis, Paganos, Lovreni, (Matsinos, Jurinovic), Res. Pagos, Lovreni.

SOUTH DANDENONG 0 MOE UNITED 2

Scorers: Mason 2, S. DANDENONG: Ali, Habulin, Rampal, Gutierrez, Tuyen, Shiner, Favreille, D'Argent, Flint, Romera, Malishev, Sub. Sharp.

MOE UNITED: McVay, Umbrass, Mason, Pili, Lertosa, S. McGarry, J. McGarry, Bednarski, M. Sawyer, McAllister, Spiller, Mason.

BEST PLAYERS: S. Dandeng: Tuyen, Gutierrez, Shiner, Ali.

White Eagles doomed?

The Radio Rentals State League championship is developing into a three-team race, as the top teams all beat the three clubs below them.

Brighton ICL beat sixth-placed Burnie Utd 5-1, second-placed Rapid, West Point beat Georgetown 6-0, and Croatia Gienorich beat Devonport 2-1.

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RAPID 6 GEORGETOWN 0

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CROATIA 2 DEVONPORT 1

Croatia made hard work of their match with an under strength Devonport side that had five under-16 players.

From the outset, it was clear that Steve Darby had instructed Ciccavelli to mark Croatia's Brian Davidson, a task that he stuck to for the full 90 minutes and this may have been the reason for Croatia's lack of penetration in the first half.

lose interest, and it wasn't until 15 minutes from time when Dennis Trueman and Billy Krawczyk left the ball for each other but Rigby pulled one back for Devonport after beating goalkeeper Smith, that the game picked up again.

BURNIE UTD 1 BRIGHTON ICL 5

A fine performance by Allstar Hales, backed up by Brian McKay in midfield always gave Brighton the edge over the inconsistent Burnie Utd.

Andy Heap opened the scoring for Brighton ICL when he scored from the penalty spot, after Terry Banagan had been brought down.

Then Allstar Hales started two goals before half time, one from a free kick and another from a through ball when he beat a defender and the goalkeeper to give Brighton a handy 3-0 lead at half time.

He scored twice more in the second half, both times he took on players and beat them, leaving Considine, Burnie's goalkeeper, the job of picking the ball from the back of the net.

Burnie Utd pulled one back when Banagan was caught in possession and Steve Winchester took full advantage of his mistake, but it was far too late for Burnie by then.

Man of the match was without doubt Allstar Hales, who will remember this game for years to come, as will Brian McKay and Tony Dickinson.

ULVERSTONE 6 WHITE EAGLES 0

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This is becoming a habit of White Eagles but full marks to them. They came back fighting, led by Ken Wordon who had a good game despite a hamstring injury and young David Goss making his debut.

Against the run of play Ulverstone went to the end when Foote broke through and beat the White Eagles' keeper just before half time.

Before White Eagles had settled down in the second half Ted Dolliver scored and that started the panic for White Eagles.

Palisdis scored his second and Ulverstone's fourth followed by Koch in the 21st minute and to complete it all Trambas scored from a penalty.

Ten minutes from the end Bobby Ryback was sent off for persistent dissent.

White Eagles now look as if they are doomed for the big drop.

RADIO RENTALS STATE LEAGUE

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Brighton ICL 11 2 1 32 18 19
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Croatia Gienorich 10 7 2 38 16 18
Georgetown 10 5 5 28 20 12
Devonport 11 5 2 18 19 12
Burnie Utd. 11 5 6 20 27 8
Hobart Juventus 9 3 6 11 24 8
Ulverstone 10 2 1 17 14 19
Launceston Juve. 11 1 1 12 26 5
White Eagles 11 1 10 16 42 3

PW D L F A P
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BOGG CULLEN TO SNK BAYSIDERS

Frankston won't be an easy two pointer for championship contender Makedonia this weekend but the aggressive, hard-running style of Brian Edgley's side should be suited to the close attention the Baysiders will provide in a fierce encounter.

Frankston can expect a huge crowd for this Centenary Park clash as the Makedonian fans sense the title may be theirs. Frankston sweeper Nick Lowe has received little Press this year but he has gone about his task methodically and efficiently and his consistency has been a major factor behind the organisation of the Baysiders' defence.

With Danny McCuskey showing greater discipline as a stopper, the red and blacks won't have things easy.

Robert Cullen must be bionic the way he never stops running and puts up with harsh treatment as if he thrives upon it.

Makedonia cannot afford to drop points now that the all-important clash against Croatia is so close. The team is fired by an all-out effort to further the club's candidature for entry to the PSL by taking the 1980 State League title.

Makedonia should win but Frankston will make it a fight to the death.

Juventus can prove to its fervent supporters that all is not yet lost by reversing its 4-3 defeat by Croatia earlier this year.

However Croatia was not at full strength for the previous encounter and only now is starting to take on the appearance of a genuine championship contender.

With Alan Kerr adding to the already fierce competition for midfield spots the importance of regular fine performances should elicit improved efforts from Joe Trant, Keith Adams and Ken Murphy.

Croatia can take both points and continue its drive towards a championship showdown with Makedonia.

The relegation battle between George Cross and Altona will be a keen contest with two points crucial to the fortunes of either side this year.

My tip for this clash is a win to the Improving Altona which is well served by the solidity of its back four of Peter Lewis, Stuart Cannell, Rob Gramsbergen and Kevin Wilson and the tremendous team endeavour of its hard working midfielders and front runners.

Croydon should defeat Western Suburbs at Croydon Park and send the Suburbs brains tramping deep into the coffers for the money that will bring the brilliant Mimis Papaioannou on a mercy dash from Greece.



George Cross v. Altona (draw) at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, 3 pm.

Frankston v. MAKEDONIA at Centenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROYDON v. Western Suburbs at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Juventus v CROATIA at Gillon Oval, Sunday, 3 pm.

Our guest tipper this week is Green Gully Ajax midfielder Billy Wojtek. Billy's selections with likely winners in capitals:

Evil spell on 'Cross

Clubs struggling for good goalkeepers should spare a thought for George Cross which could be excused for thinking that the Gods have frowned upon this highly specialised position.

Since last season the keeper changes at Cross would test the information-gathering capacities of the Bureau of Census and Statistics.

Gerry Rice returned to England and Sev Mattson went back to Sweden, to immediately place the club under pressure for a first team keeper.

The Cross had high hopes for John Agius, bought from Green Gully Ajax, but these hopes were dashed when Agius suffered a recurrence of an old head injury that impaired his eyesight.

Young keeper Andrew Portelli showed tremendous potential but he has only recently returned to the club after dissatisfaction at not progressing quickly enough.

Olivera Gay was brought here from the Philippines but had to return after his visa expired.

So Cross signed the experienced Hugh Graham from Kellor Austria but two weeks ago Graham suffered serious facial injuries in a car accident and will be sidelined for some time.

Enter Robert Amos from Metro Fourth Division club Werribee.

Amos has established himself as one of the finds of the season and he looks destined to provide Cross with much needed service in the important goalkeeping position.

Recently George Cross lured Mario Kovacevic out of his premature retirement and with the promise shown by Amos and Portelli and the pending return of Gay it seems that the evil spell has been lifted.

But I wonder if Amos carries a sprig of garlic out to the field before he faces up to the responsibility of keeping goals for the struggling Cross.

That responsibility has been ably handled so far by the former Werribee youngster.

Cannell climbs

Votes for the General Tourist Best Player Award, winner receives a return trip for two to New Zealand.

HAKOAH V SLAVIA

3 - Wade (Slav)

2 - Jordanou (H)

1 - Pugliese (Slav)

MAKEDONIA V CROYDON

3 - Ollerton (M)

2 - Loughnane (Croy)

1 - Murphy (Croy)

GEORGE CROSS V GREEN

GULLY

3 - Hogben (GG)

2 - Bennett (GG)

1 - Dunne (GG)

ALTONA V FRANKSTON

3 - Parton (F)

2 - Cannell (A)

1 - Whyte (A)

W. SUBURBS V SUNSHINE

3 - Theodoridis (WS)

2 - Kupisz (WS)

1 - Pocock (S)

Progressive totals:

18 - Dunne (GG)

16 - Cannell (A)

15 - Mussel (S)

14 - Cullen (M), Paparas

(GG)

13 - Glykolas (WS)

Leading scorers:

11 - McGuinness (J)

10 - McGuinness (M)

6 - Ward (M), French (H),

Pocock (S), Adams, Wall (F),

Gilder (C).

Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

Mimis Papaioannou will play the last five games with Western Suburbs this season. The former Greek international will bring a young ex-AEK player with him.

That is the message Suburbs secretary John Hatzimouratis gave "Soccer Action" after his team recorded its best win of the season in defeating Sunshine 3-1.

Hatzimouratis was annoyed at the comments by Frankston coach Nigel Bevis who claimed that Suburbs were the worst team in the State League.

"Contrary to what Bevis supposes, we are far from being the worst team in the league and we may finish higher than Frankston at the end of the season," said Hatzimouratis.

Peter Ollerton played up front for Makedonia and Gary Ward paid for his poor finishing of late by being dropped to the reserve bench.

Ward replaced Ljube Petrovski in the 70th minute of the encounter with Croydon and the Makedonian fans reacted unkindly to the change.

Petrovski was not amused by his substitution and as he left the field he had a few sharp words to say to coach Brian Edgley.

Sunshine appears to be firmly in the relegation battle while Makedonia's win kept it on the right path for its championship showdown with Croatia.

WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Carr, Christodoulou, Green) SUNSHINE 1 (McRobert).

W. SUBURBS: Mitsiadis - Kyphodis, Glykolas, Jevonakis, Jim Dapera - John Dapera, J. Christodoulou (sub), Kyphodis 80th, Kupisz - Green, Carr, Theodoridis.

SUNSHINE: Clarke - Singleton (sub, 60th), Mervin (sub), Ellis, Muschel, Donaldson - Laing, R. Nelson, McRobert - Staggia, Pocock, McCarthy (sub, 60th), Tschudi.

Jimmy Connolly, in his first outing as temporary coach of Western Suburbs, celebrated a 3-1 win in the local derby against Sunshine.

George Theodoridis had a hand in all three Suburbs goals but the never-say-die Shiners replied with a simple but brilliantly executed goal.

In the fourth minute of play Ray Pocock looked to have scored from a crashing free kick that whistled into the top corner of Suburbs' goal but the referee ruled that it was indirect much to Suburbs' relief.

George Cross fans gave coach Archie Campbell an angry end-of-match reception but the fans should have saved their annoyance for Green Gully's young full back Steve Hogben who completely outplayed Cross star Jim Paparas.

To be fair though Paparas did not receive the service his talents deserve. Nonetheless Hogben was clearly the man of the match.

MAKEDONIA 3 (Ollerton, Lucchesi, McMillan pen) CROYDON 0.

MAKEDONIA: Karter - Rainey, Flavell, Hignett, Beech - Faulkner, Petrovski (sub, 70th), Lucchesi - Cullen, Ollerton, McMillan.

CROYDON: Keogh - McKinnlay, Pongho, McCombe, Murphy - Donnelly, Smith, Brogan, Howarth - Loughnane, Whyte.

If Makedonia and Croydon were honest they would have both been swabbed after last Sunday's performances and the results could well have been positive!

The first half belonged to Makedonia which attacked for long periods and was rewarded for its pressure with a 2-0 lead at the break.

Croydon took charge of the second half but inadequate finishing ruined its chance of getting back into the match.

Hogben's speed, excellent recovery and concentration proved too much for Paparas but the Cross dynamo slipped Hogben on his back after a crucial moment and the chance to even the game when John Patten's attempt to cut out a through ball fell to Paparas who shot wide from 10 metres with the goal at his mercy.

It was Cross's best scoring chance of the match but the decisive goal was a real gem that had the stamp of class.

In the 34th minute Billy Morrey gained possession just outside the Cross penalty area on the right.

Morrey skinned one defender before leaving Laurie Belusic flat on his back after a deft dummy and then the stocky Gully winger picked his spot and drove home a well struck, low shot that went in at the far post with Cross keeper Robert Amos desperately flinging himself at full stretch to his right.

Late in the second half Dave Perkin had the chance to settle the affair when he came off Belusic and charged down the left side before unleashing a bullet-like left-foot shot towards the near post that Amos saved brilliantly with one hand.

Cross looked likely to even the game during two periods of pressure in the second half but haphazardly knocking high balls into the Gully area proved fruitless.

Tony Cowan looked sharp. He showed his ability in finding room out wide but the poor final ball was the tale of Cross's woe.

Gerry Bennett worked tirelessly in midfield for Gully while Jimmy Dunne retained the composure and organisation that is fast becoming his hallmark.

HAKOAH 0 SLAVIA 0. HAKOAH: O'Hara - Rooney, Gadsby, Dooan, Jordanou - Bannon, McNeil, Blair - Webster, Frank, Kent.

SLAVIA: Pugliese - Haupt, Lawson, Monson (sub), sub J. Lucchesi 55th, Pye - Brindle, Cullen, White - McGorrie, Griffiths, Wade.

A blustery wind was the only winner as Hakoah and Slavia had to settle for a share of the points at Middle Park.

Slavia opened with the wind at its back but opted to use the long ball to try to break up Hakoah's short, interpassing game.

Twice in this half Slavia could have grabbed a decisive goal, the first opportunity arising in the 16th minute when a tremendous 30 metre drive from Cliff Whiteside cannoned onto the underside of Hakoah's

crossbar before bouncing down, perilously close to crossing the goal line, but eventually being cleared.

In the 19th minute Paul Wade pounced upon a bad back-pass, won the resulting struggle for the ball with Hakoah keeper Mick O'Hara, then hit the ball across the face of the unprotected goal where Mick McGorrie and Dave Griffiths failed to show enough opportunism to latch onto the low cross and score.

With the aid of the wind in the second half it seemed as if Hakoah would break the deadlock.

When Slavia's central defender Liam Houston went off injured John Cullen came back into defence to keep a close watch on Hakoah striker Graham French.

Hakoah's hopes must have risen when Chris Kent unleashed a fierce drive that crashed onto the crossbar in the 73rd minute but a combination of competent keeping by Elvio Pugliese, tireless running by Wade and poor finishing by Hakoah served to keep the stalemate intact.

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The successful Central Region squad which won the recent Victorian Under-14 Regional Championship. The photo was taken at the Central region's presentation evening when the boys were presented with their championship medals.

Back Row, from left to right: Jason Jacobi (Sandringham); Alan Kane (Brighton); Peter Antoniadis (Brighton); John Kanesoulis (Hellas); Billy Kousala (Caulfield); Bill Vasiladis (Brighton); Wayne Boyle (Brighton); Oscar Gonzo (Coach); Aki Kotzami-

chelis (Port Melbourne); Patric Velsingier (Brighton); Francisco Rodriguez (South Yarra).

Middle Row: Danny Sarre (Brighton).

Front Row: Nick Rouris (Hellas); John Michaeloudakis (Mooroolbark); Nick Goufias (Richmond); Jim Mallards (Caulfield); Nick Deligianis (Hellas); Adam Lovring (Kew Park Rangers); Andrew Dominko (Sandringham).

Trafficante had a lucky change

Australia's youth team selectors owe a debt of gratitude to the person who put Robert Trafficante to left back in young Robert's first trial with the Victorian squad.

That was back in the mid 70's when the Hellas youngster was with Juventus and was trying out for the Victorian team.

Robert's coach Gildo Biasol took the raw lad into his Under-12 team at Juventus and

gradually produced the skills that make Trafficante such an exciting prospect today.

But it was not easy and from the outset Trafficante had to work hard for a place in the first eleven.

"When I first went there

Gildo Biasol didn't know me and I was always on the bench. "He (Biasol) would come to me and tell me that next week I would get a run but next week I would end up still on the bench.

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This week's hat-trick heroes:

Robert Ford, 11 (Albion Park Rd); Zeljko Gagula, 11 (Sacred Heart School, St Albans); Glendon Vidler, 7 (Glenn Southern, 7, Jason Fettes, 7, Danny Vasquez, 7 (Dapto); Tony Cooper, 9 (Croydon); Fernando Rodriguez, 12, Omar Flores, 9 (Hotham Utd); Peter Gramana, 12 (Footscray JUST); Johnny Smolko, 12 (Kellor-Austria); F. Christie, 12, five goals; J. Christie, 10 (Hampton Park); Paul Phillips, 6, Geoffrey Spence, 6, four goals; Andrew Brooks, 6, four goals; Adrian Carruthers, 6, David Worland, 6, four goals; Derek Davies, 6, four goals; Wayne Hill, 7, Michael Rombouts, 7, Chris Hodge, 8, David Dickson, 8, four goals; Tony Hanson, 8, Evan Stray, 9, four goals; Adrian Benti, 9, four goals; Sam Gough, 9, Rodney Hill, 10, Tony Gehhaar, 10, Leslie Sharpe, 10, Andrew Christie, 12, five goals; Troy Johnson, 12, Neil Carpenter, 12, Craig Wright, 13, five goals; Darren Stanford, 13, Darren Reedy, 15, five goals; Robert Tobman, 15, six goals; Norm Horrell, 15 (Woonona); Grant Semmens, 10, four goals; Memal Yavus, 10, four goals; Andrew Ziskis, 10, Fadi Ellis, 10 (Glenroy North Primary); Adrian Zulli, 10 (Our Lady's School, Sunshine); Malcolm Smith, 11 (Peninsula);

la); Gavin Paine, 15 (Morwell Pegasus); Fatos Drakopoulos, 11, George Measlis, 10, four goals (Brunswick City); Steve Markou, 15, four goals (East Bendigo); Dallas Jenner, 11, Antony Apied, 11, four goals (St Theresa's); Marko Talajic, 11 (Essendon Croatia); Eddy Kuman, 16 (Green Gully); Andrew Synak, 16, David Laosta, 16 (Ardeer); Billy Menley, 12, Jimmy Trouvelis, 12, four goals; Ken Lantouris, 12, Tom Alister, 13, five goals (Caulfield); Ray Benjour, 15, Phillip Wade, 15, Eddie Bell, 15, five goals (Dandenong City); Mark Howells, 12, four goals (Nunawading City); Christopher Springett, 8 (Doncaster Rovers); Michael Chambers, Allan LeTollic, Geoffrey Abraham, Leslie Magyar, four goals; Adorjan Magyar, five goals; Anselley Cleur, seven goals (St Peter's Primary School); Andrew Spittle, 8 (Ringwood United); Paul De Bone (Sunshine Heights); George Bakarnis, 14 (Baxter); Miguel Ferrer, 13, Jason Buzo, 13, four goals (J.U.S.T.); Darren Paul Cooper, 11, six goals (Glenaville Primary School); Andrew Schepers, 7 (YMCA Bendigo).

DUNKERLEY CONFIDENT

Tony Dunkerley, coach of the Victorian under-13 team to contest the national championships in Newcastle from 23 to 31 July, is confident that although the burden of six games in seven days is a heavy load the Victorian boys will do well.

Dunkerley has worked under State coach Len McKendry for the past two years and he has high hopes for his young team.

"It is an enormous thrill for these boys to be selected for Victoria and hopefully some of them will be competing for places in the national team in the next five year," said Dunkerley.

"In Newcastle the competition will be very demanding but I expect the boys to represent their state well," he concluded.

The team will fly to Albion on Friday, 18 July where it will play against two representative teams as part of its training program prior to the national championships.

The 16 boys selected by Dunkerley are: Mark Alavuk (Wodonga Diamonds); S. Bazdonovsk (Sunshine Heights); Greg Cant (Nunawading); Ross Carrozza (Meadow Park); Victor Cristaldo (Kellor Austria); Joe Damico (Brighton); Con Kinkos (Hellas); Robert Markovac (Croatia); Thomas Mitou (Clayton); Jim Pasakos (Hellas); Bill Poltrina (Melbourne); Chris Simos (Fernree Gully); Ernest Tapai (Melbourne); Vincent Vassallo (Croydon); Scott Watson (Croydon); Michael McClellan (Nunawading).

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Back row, left to right: Godfrey Troath (team manager); Camlyn Martin (from juniors); Watson Young (from Hakoah 1979); Peter Whitehurst (played over 200 games); Robert McCrea (from juniors); Sean Coulter (from juniors); Paul Cleveland (from juniors).
Front row: David Storey (from juniors); Sammy Jordan (played over 200 games); Mario A. (from juniors); Jim Train (from Slavia 1980); Joe O'Hara (from Clayton 1979); Alex Wilson (from juniors).



Waverley City was formed in 1963 by Mr. Norm Foster. After two seasons in the now defunct Hostels League, Waverley gained entry to Metro division four and was promoted in the same year. In 1968, Waverley went up to third division before winning the second division championship in 1974. Waverley boasts 16 junior teams and has been instrumental in forming Mulgrave and Glen Waverley junior clubs. Waverley helps local schools with equipment as part of a club policy of soccer development. State League players such as Mike Loh, Sean Keogh and Peter Scarlett gained their first senior experience with Waverley which augurs well for the club's continuing youth policy.

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Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

P.O. BOX 534, NORWOOD S.A. 5067

SECRETARY: G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington
(08) 332 5614 — 332 5618

COLOURS: Black & White.

SPONSORS: United Brokers

This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at
Lions Stadium (Brisbane) Sunday 2.30 pm.



LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 2040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: W. Wallace

GROUND: Lambert Park
Phone 569 6845 (Match days)

Promotion Officer: T. Raciti. Phone 82 0187

Colours: Maroon, Sky Blue
This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at
Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



BLACKTOWN CITY S.C.

62 Seven Hills Road North, Seven Hills 2147. Phone 624 3344

SECRETARY: P. R. Thorne (Ph) as above.

COACH: M. Jones

GROUND: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills

COLOURS: white, red black trim.
black, red white trim
black red white

This week's match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at
Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at
International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001
Club phone: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

COACH: N. Saftich.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

SPONSOR: STOCK 84 BRANDY

This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at
International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm.



MARCONI-FAIRFIELD

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: M. Urukalo — (02) 604 5095 or 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd.,
Bossley Park.

This week's match: v **CANBERRA CITY** at
Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

P.O. BOX 310, DARRA QLD 4076

SECRETARY: L. Oudendyk

COACH: M. Carson

GROUND: Lions Stadium, Pine Rd, Richlands,
07 (phone) 372 2989
Orange and Blue

This week's match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at
Lions Stadium (Brisbane) Sunday 2.30 pm.



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

HONORARY SECRETARY Nick Sagiakos
(Home) 528 6196
(Restaurant) 534 4141

COACH: John Margaritis

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v **BLACKTOWN CITY** at
Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City ACT 2601.

PRESIDENT: Theo Moulis (W) 48 8448 (062) 488 215

COACH: J. Brown

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

SPONSOR:

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This week's match: v **MARCONI-FAIRFIELD** at
Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

Colours: Red, White & Green

This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY** at
St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY-MANAGER:

O. Norris ph. (day) 792 9348, (after 5 pm) 459 4652.

COACHES: J. Rooney & P. Bannon

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb.
(03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold

This week's match: v **LEICHHARDT** at
Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



SYDNEY CITY "THE SLICKERS"

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W. 2026

SECRETARY: D. Childs (02) 30 3344 A.H. 525 7734

COACH: E. Thomson

GROUND: Sydney Athletic Field

SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods

Colours: Sky Blue White Hoops, White Shorts,
Red Socks

This week's match: v **WEST ADELAIDE** at
Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: R. Ila

GROUND: Western Oval, Barkly St, Footscray

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

This week's match: v **ST GEORGE** at
St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 51 6686.

COACH: G. Chaldi

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.

COLOURS: Blue white stripes — Blue Shorts

SPONSOR: Dominion Finance.

This week's match: v **SYDNEY CITY** at
Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

